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For: METHODS AND MEANS FOR	)	
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**REPLY**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 19, 2008, Applicants offer the following remarks.